

## ISP Seizes 37 Kilos of Cocaine During Traffic Stop



On January 31 at approximately 9:30am, ISP Trooper Chris Martin of the Pendleton District 51 Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Division stopped a Freightliner on Interstate 70 in Henry County. Martin became suspicious after talking with the driver of the refrigerated trailer and upon further inspection, recovered 20 kilos of Cocaine in brick form in the cab of the truck and an additional 17 kilos in the truck and trailer. The trailer was loaded with lettuce and was on its way from California to New Jersey. The driver, 26-year old Mosies Delgado and his passenger, 52-year old Rene Rocha, were both charged with Possession of Cocaine with Intent to Deliver. The value of the seized cocaine is just under \$4 million. This routine traffic stop clearly demonstrates that traffic enforcement extends beyond seatbelts and speed limits. Congratulations Trooper Chris Martin for earning this month's **"Going Above & Beyond"** award!

### Coming up...

#### Operation Pull Over Blitz 70 Aggressive Driving/DUI

Enforcement Period:  
March 2-18

Reports due:  
March 28

#### CHILD SAFETY ADVOCATE AWARDS

We all know one... a person who exhibits true dedication to the safety and well-being of children in their communities. The 16th Annual Child Safety Advocate Awards will be presented on May 4, 2012 at an awards brunch during the Injury Prevention Conference. Please help us celebrate injury prevention accomplishments of someone in your community by nominating a deserving individual or organization. Nomination applications are due by April 2, 2012 and are available [here](#). For more information, please contact [Jamie Smith](#) at the Automotive Safety Program.

## DANGEROUS DRIVING ENFORCEMENT GRANT OPPORTUNITY

Dangerous Driving Enforcement grants will soon be available to reduce fatal and serious bodily injury crashes due to aggressive and distracted driving as well as motorcycle-related issues. Any law enforcement agency in the State of Indiana that is a current grantee in good standing in "Operation Pullover," "Big City/Big County" or "DUI Taskforce" programming may apply for funding under this project. These grants will be competitive and special consideration will be given for countywide partnerships. Projects must include high visibility enforcement based programs. Programs should address and negate aggressive driving behaviors such as excessive speed, failure to yield violations such as stop sign or stop light violations, following too closely, texting and driving and motorcycle licensing.

The enforcement conducted under this project must occur between June 15, 2012 and August 16, 2012. This will allow the period between "Click it or Ticket" and "Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over" crackdowns to be covered with additional law enforcement activities. This, traditionally high fatality period, gives us the best opportunity to reduce fatal and serious bodily injury crashes. The funding announcement will open sometime in March and agencies must apply via e-Grants. For more information, please contact [Dan Jeffries](#).

#### Did you know?

- WHEN REGISTERING YOUR AGENCY FOR E-GRANTS, BE SURE TO USE YOUR AGENCY'S FULL LEGAL NAME.
- FISCAL AGENTS MUST ALSO REGISTER. IF SOME OTHER AGENCY MANAGES YOUR FUNDS, THEIR AGENCY AND INDIVIDUALS MUST ALSO REGISTER FOR E-GRANTS.

**“It takes 8,460 bolts to assemble an automobile-- and one nut to scatter it all over the road.” -Author Unknown**

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### UPCOMING TRAINING/CONFERENCES/MEETINGS

#### **BCC Meeting**

March 8, 2012 10:00am  
ISP Post #52

#### **Child Passenger Safety Technician Classes**

March 6-9, 2012  
Concord Township Fire Department-Elkhart  
Contact: [Hollie Carlson](#) (574) 364-4626

March 19-21/23, 2012  
Hoosier Uplands-Bedford  
Contact: [Jennifer Hacker](#) (812) 353-3539

#### **DUI Checkpoint-SFST Refresher**

March 26, 2012 9:00am  
Miami Co. Sheriff's Dept.  
Contact: [Phil Oliver](#)  
Telephone: (574) 702-2058

#### **Injury Prevention Conference**

May 3-4, 2012  
University Place Conference Center-  
Indianapolis  
[Click here for more information.](#)

#### **Lifesavers Conference**

June 14-16, 2012  
Orlando, FL  
[Click here for more information.](#)

#### **GHSA: Public Health & Traffic Safety**

August 26-29, 2012  
Baltimore, MD  
[Click here for more information.](#)

## Excise Police Launches New Program to Target Underage Drinking

The Indiana State Excise Police has launched a new program aimed at reducing underage drinking in three Indiana college communities.

Partnering with the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute, excise police officers recently began focusing additional resources on underage drinking at Indiana University-Bloomington, Ball State University in Muncie and DePauw University in Greencastle.

Last year, two-thirds of Indiana college students reported using alcohol in the past month, including 57% of students less than 21 years of age. The Intensified College Enforcement (ICE) initiative is intended to expand previous efforts to reduce underage possession and use of alcohol and in these communities. Priorities include illegal possession and consumption of alcohol, furnishing alcohol to minors, possession and use of false IDs, operating while intoxicated and related offenses.

The program, which began Feb. 6th, will run through the end of the spring semester.

## 2012 GHSA Highway Safety Awards-Nominations Now Being Accepted

Each year, the Governors Highway Safety Association (GHSA) recognizes individuals and organizations for achievements in the field of highway safety. Nominations must be completed online no later than May 11. For more information, please click [here](#).

The awards will be presented at the GHSA Annual Meeting in Baltimore this August.

Please consider making a nomination for these awards. We would love to have a Hoosier among the winners, as we know there are many of you who deserve the recognition.

[The James J. Howard Highway Safety Trailblazer Award](#) is GHSA's highest award, honoring an individual for sustained outstanding leadership in endeavors that significantly improve highway safety on a national level.

[The Peter K. O'Rourke Special Achievement Awards](#) recognize notable highway safety achievements during the 2011 calendar year by individuals, coalitions, organizations, nonprofit groups, businesses, government agencies, universities or programs. Up to five awards are presented each year.

[The Kathryn J.R. Swanson Public Service Award](#) honors an individual who has made notable improvements in the management or implementation of a highway safety program or policy, or provided outstanding service to GHSA, federal safety agencies or other national highway safety organizations.

Have a suggestion for the newsletter? Someone you want to spotlight? Let us know [here](#)!

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## LEL SPOTLIGHT

**NC Region:** Kevin Havlin of the Michigan City Police Department stopped a vehicle for not wearing a seatbelt while working the BCC Traffic Enforcement Grant on February 6th. During the traffic stop, Sergeant Havlin recovered marijuana and seized \$5,600 in U.S. currency. The Narcotics Task Force assisted with the case investigation. The DEA will be seeking to forfeit the currency to MCPD. Both subjects were charged with Possession of Marijuana, Class A Misdemeanor.

**NE Region:** ICJI welcomes new coordinators to OPO. Douglas Davis with Kendallville Police Department and Pat Scher with Huntington Police Department.

**SE Region:** ICJI welcomes new OPO Coordinator, Sergeant Keith Messer, Jr. with North Vernon Police Department.

**SW Region:** Dave Wedding, Vanderburgh Co. Sheriff's Dept. participated in the Health & Fitness Fair at the University of Evansville. He presented crash information and offered impaired driving prevention activities.

## TRAFFIC SAFETY RESOURCE PROSECUTOR

Do you have questions about traffic safety laws or prosecution? You have help! Contact Christopher Daniels, Traffic Safety Resource Prosecutor at (317) 232-1836 or via email at [chdaniels@ipac.in.gov](mailto:chdaniels@ipac.in.gov).

## FARS COUNT

PROVISIONAL TOTAL OF 2012 TRAFFIC FATALITIES-AS OF 9:00 A.M. MARCH 1, 2012

	DEATHS		CRASHES		REDUCTION OR INCREASE	
	2011	2012	2011	2012	Deaths	Crashes
Rural	71	64	61	60	-7	-1
Urban	41	28	39	28	-13	-11
Statewide	112	92	100	88	-20	-12

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	DEATHS		CRASHES		REDUCTION OR INCREASE	
	2010	2011	2010	2011	Deaths	Crashes
Rural	480	478	435	425	-2	-10
Urban	274	271	266	249	-3	-17
Statewide	754	749	701	674	-5	-27

## GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

The Traffic Safety Division announces the availability of Child Restraint Distribution Grants. Grant applications must be submitted via e-Grants. These grant funds can be used to purchase and distribute child restraints, host or support child safety seat clinics, purchase supplies related to child restraint systems, educational materials and training for Child Passenger Safety Technicians. Applications will be due by close of business Friday, May 4th. For more information, please contact [Angie Morris](#). Click [here](#) to view the training video and PowerPoint presentation about the grant.

**"The best car safety device is a rear-view mirror with a cop in it."**

-Dudley Moore



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## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

### Websites

ARIES (Crash Records): <http://crashreports.in.gov>  
 Automotive Safety Program (Child Passenger Safety Information and CPS Tech Classes): [www.preventinjury.org](http://www.preventinjury.org)  
 Center for Criminal Justice Research (Traffic Safety Research and Data for Indiana): <http://policyinstitute.iu.edu>  
 DRE: Indiana [www.indianadre.com](http://www.indianadre.com) National [www.decp.org](http://www.decp.org)  
 Indiana Coroners Association: [www.indcoroners.org](http://www.indcoroners.org)  
 Indiana State Department of Toxicology: [www.in.gov/isdt](http://www.in.gov/isdt)  
 JTAC & eCWS: <http://courts.in.gov/judiciary/jtac> Email: [jtacecws@jtac.in.gov](mailto:jtacecws@jtac.in.gov)  
 National Highway Traffic Safety Administration: [www.nhtsa.gov](http://www.nhtsa.gov)  
 Traffic Safety Marketing: [www.trafficsafetymarketing.gov](http://www.trafficsafetymarketing.gov)

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## NEED A TRAFFIC SAFETY SPEAKER?

**Luke Pamer**, a Westview student in LaGrange County, has developed a safe driving presentation for teens. He has presented at several schools in northern Indiana as well as at the Rule the Road Teen Driving Event in Elkhart. Last year, Mr. Pamer was honored for this volunteer work by the Council for a Drug-Free LaGrange County and the NE Region of the Governor’s Commission for a Drug-Free Indiana as a Youth Advocate Award winner. Luke’s presentation is FREE and lasts about 45 minutes. Luke is a motivated, energetic and well spoken young man who is interested in obtaining additional speaking engagements and can be reached by [clicking here](#). For more information on Luke’s teen driving program, [watch his video](#) or visit his [Facebook page](#). We fully support Luke’s efforts and wish him continued success!

**Shawn Hieser** is a dedicated professional and family man. Tragically, Shawn lost his niece, 18-year old Emily Huntington, on December 30, 2011. Emily had been texting at the time of her crash and was not wearing a seatbelt. Her passenger, who was restrained, walked away from the crash. Shawn was initially motivated to make changes in his own life, by making his New Year’s resolution to stop texting while driving. He is now eager to share that message with others. Shawn’s presentation is good for audiences of any driving age. His presentations are also FREE. Shawn is a dynamic individual who has an amazing story to share. For more information on Shawn’s presentation, please contact [Angie Morris](#) at ICJI. To learn more about the Emily Huntington Foundation, visit the Just Drive. Live, Laugh, Learn [Facebook Page](#). We gladly endorse Shawn and stand behind his efforts to share Emily’s story with others.